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SEIZED CUBAN TELLS OF AID

Puerto Rico, Ex-Governor
Mentioned By Castro Foe

Dominican authorities have denied that any such base exists.

"I worked for a while with the CIA," said Menoyo. "They taught me to use a gun and how to use maps."

Major Under Castro

Menoyo, who was a major under Castro before he defected, said his group obtained a boat in Puerto Rico and used it to travel to the Dominican Republic.

Miami, Fla., Feb. 2 (AP)—Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo, captured anti-Castro guerrilla leader, said on Cuban radio and television tonight that he used Puerto Rico as a way station on the way to Cuba.

He also claimed that he and his followers were aided by the former Governor of the Commonwealth, Luis Muloz Marin.

One of Menoyo's aides, Ramon Quesada Somez, said he had been trained by the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

The broadcast, monitored in Miami, lasted less than half an hour. Menoyo expressed no contrition for his anti-Castro activities.

He commented, however, "I have been thinking more about things and what I have heard is very different from reality."

The four were questioned by agents of the G-2—the Cuban equivalent of the FBI.

Menoyo admitted all the details previously claimed by the Cuban Government. He said he and his followers infiltrated Cuba from a base in the Dominican Republic.

"We understand that the FBI took our radio equipment," said Menoyo. "Then Munoz Marine intervened and it was returned."

The broadcast gave no indication of what may be the fate of Menoyo and the others.

Meanwhile, a Cuban exile newspaper, Luis Manuel Martine, said a pro-Castro spy network linking Miami, Santo Domingo and Puerto Rico led to Menoyo's capture.

Quoting reports from Cuba, the exile said the Fidel Castro regime kept a close watch on the families of Menoyo and his top aides, as well as places in Cuba familiar to them.

"As they (Menoyo and his aides) were dropping from sight, the Castro-Communist espionage periodically reported to Havana every one of their steps," according to information Martinez said he received through Mexico.

Raul Castro, Cuban armed forces minister, said earlier this week that Menoyo and his three aides were captured eight hours after they landed. He said thousands of militiamen had been mobilized to stop him.

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